

Education and Student Affairs Committee Memorandum
Board of Regents, State of Iowa

Subject: Work Plan for IBSSS Study

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Date: September 1, 2004

Recommended Actions:

1. Approve the proposed work plan.
2. Approve the proposed membership.

Executive Summary:

In August, the Board of Regents referred a proposed study of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School to the Education and Student Affairs Committee to develop a work plan and undertake a study.

The purpose of this Task Force as approved by the Board of Regents in August is to examine the future needs and solutions for all students who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities. The Task Force was asked to encourage knowledgeable involvement from all stakeholders to these ends.

Specifically:

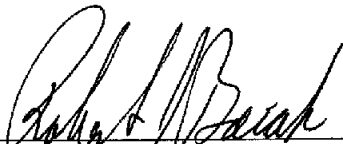
- Are the services or learning experiences the Iowa Braille School can offer or develop to further support the education and growth of all students who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities?
- Are there possible collaborations with other Regent institutions which further the mission of all? Are there other organizations with whom collaborations would be of benefit?


- Are existing services provided in the most effective and efficient manner?

The Board noted that it remains committed to quality educational experiences for all students served by the Iowa Braille School. It is the Board's intent that the Task Force will shape and focus the future services of the Iowa Braille School, in partnership with others, for the common good of all identified students.

The Board requested that the Task Force complete its report by the end of March 2005.

Attached is a proposed work plan and time schedule for the study (EDU 2a) and a list of the proposed membership of the Task Force (EDU 2b).


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Approved: 
Gregory S. Nichols

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